# What is Public Health?

#### **Public Health is Prevention**

Public health professionals stress the importance of preventive care to maintain good health and work to prevent the spread of infectious disease.

### **Public Health is Promoting Health**

Public health professionals promote and encourage preventive health care and healthy lifestyles.

### Public Health is Protecting the Public

Public health professionals work to protect the public against injuries and environmental threats and prepare for and respond to natural and manmade disasters and emergencies.

# **Public Health Advances Community** Health

Public health plays a vital role in developing policies and standards to address challenges to our community's health.

### Public Health is "Your" Health!

Public health ensures the safety of the places we live, work and play.



# **About Us**

### Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health

Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health employs public health professionals who work to protect the health of the community. We serve residents of Bismarck and Burleigh County.

Formerly known as Bismarck-Burleigh Nursing Service, Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health has evolved to meet the health and wellness. challenges in today's environment. The work we do in public health affects lives every day.

Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health is committed to safeguarding the health of every citizen in our community and we look forward to serving you.

# **Mission**

Dedicated to improving the health and safety of our community.

# Vision

Optimal health in a thriving community.

# **Values**

Wellness

Education

**C**ollaboration

**A**dvocacy

Responsiveness

**E**volving





# Public Health

Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health



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# Services Available at Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health

### **Health Maintenance**

Registered Nurses provide nursing care and case management services in a client's home. Coordination, referrals and follow-up to other assisting agencies occur as needed.

Home heath maintenance visits may include:

- Medication management
- Physical assessments
- Patient education
- Referrals for appropriate services

### **Health Services**

Registered Nurses provide various health screenings, assessments, and services such as:

- Immunizations
- Foot care/assessments
- TB testing and treatment
- STD/HIV testing
- Injections
- Lactation counseling
- Car seat safety education
- Newborn home visits
- Prenatal education

### **Tobacco Prevention & Cessation**

Public health professionals provide information and resources to quit tobacco use. They can also assist with tobacco-free policies and compliance issues for you or your business.

### **Nutrition Services**

A Licensed Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist coordinates Nutrition Services programs and activities.

Services include:

- Healthy lifestyle and nutrition education for individuals and/or groups
- Worksite wellness presentations
- Coordination & assistance with implementation of nutrition policy, systems and environmental changes
- Provides community and workplace support for breastfeeding

### **Health Tracks Screenings**

A Registered Nurse provides free preventive health screenings for Medicaid eligible clients from newborn to 21 years of age.

Screenings include:

- Physical exam
- Development & language testing
- Hearing, vision & dental screening
- Immunizations
- Fluoride varnish application
- Lab tests/blood lead tests
- Assistance with necessary referrals

## Women's Way

A Registered Nurse coordinates this breast and cervical cancer screening program for women meeting age, income, and insurance eligibility guidelines.

# **Emergency Preparedness**

Public health professionals ensure our community is prepared and ready to respond to public health emergencies and disaster situations.

Subject matter experts are here to provide information and guidance for you, your family or your workplace to assist you with your emergency planning efforts. Additional information available upon request.

### **Environmental Health**

Environmental Health Specialists at Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health are responsible for licensing and inspections for the following Environmental Health programs:

- Food service operations
- Public/semi-public swimming pools
- Tanning facilities
- Tattoo/body art facilities
- Lodging establishments
- Special pet licensing

Other program functions include:

- Mosquito control and surveillance
- Junk storage complaints
- City of Bismarck public health nuisances

Please contact

**Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health** at (701)355-1540 for questions on programs or services offered by our department.